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SUBJECT : EVENTS IN AZORES

1. THE DYNAMITE STOLEN ON AUGUST 15 WAS ALL RECOVERED AFTER AN ANONOMOUS PHONE CALLER TOLD THE AUTHORITIES WHERE IT COULD BE FOUND. THERE HAVE BEEN NO ARRESTS.

2. THE POPULAR CIVIL GOVERNOR OF THE HARTA DISTRICT, CDR RUI VASCONCELOS SA VAZ RESIGNED SEPTEMBER 6. HE ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE STATING THAT THE POLITICAL INSTABILITY IN PORTUGAL DID NOT ALLOW HIM TO DO HIS JOB AND THAT THE JUNTA REGIONAL HAS TAKEN OVER MANY OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE CIVIL GOVERNOR.

3. ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 7 HUNDREDS DEMONSTRATED ON SANTA MARIA AGAINST RISING UNEMPLOYMENT AND FEAR OF LOSING CIVIL AVIATION JOBS TO ANGOLAN REFUGEES. THE DEMONSTRATORS DEMANDED THE CLOSING OF THE PCP OFFICE AND EXPULSION OF A COUPLE ALLEGED TO BE COMMUNISTS.

4. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, ON TERCEIRA EARLY IN THE MORNING
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SEPTEMBER 7, A GROUP OF FARMERS PUT AN OFFICIAL OF THE LABOR

MINISTRY ON THE PLANE FOR LISBON BECAUSE THEY DID NOT LIKE THE
POSITION HE WAS TAKING IN LOCAL DISPUTES. THE FARMERS DID NOT
PERMIT THE OFFICIAL ENOUGH TIME TO PACK A BAG AND FORMED A
PROCESSION TO TAKE HIM TO THE AIRPORT WHICH IS ON LAJES AIR
FORCE BASE. NORMALLY ONLY PASSENGERS ARE PERMITTED BY THE PORTUGUESE
AIR FORCE GUARDS TO ENTER THE BASE AND AIRPORT, BUT THIS TIME THE
FARMERS ENTERED THE AIRPORT AND WAITED UNTIL THE PLANE WITH THE
OFFICIAL DEPARTED.
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